

## NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

JAVA, Buitenzorg. A. J. Perkins, Jan. 28. Sends seeds of sapodillas. Says that the seeds of *Canarium commune* which he sent are used by the Chinese to make an edible oil. From the kernel of the nut a baby food is made which has been used with remarkable success in Java as a substitute for mother's milk. Sends seed of *Arenga saccharifera*, whose young leaves are much used as wrappers for Malay cigarettes. Furthermore sugar is obtained from the sap of this palm and it is used for thatch and for brooms. There is a good variety of pomelo there with pink flesh and few seeds known as 'Djerook delima', of which he sends seeds; but says he finds the pomelos of the Far East much drier than those in Florida.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, Singapore. Mr. A. J. Perkins, Jan. 20. Has seen *Solanum tuberosum* in the markets there about as big as marbles. Sends seeds of a fruit found in a Canton medicine store called San-quat. The pulp is many seeded, has no tough cell walls like the orange, and has a soapy, neutral taste. Speaks of the delicious finger bananas of Manila and of a good, medium sized variety that is perfectly green in color when ripe. Says the papayas and pineapples of Singapore are much inferior to those of Hawaii.

TRANSVAAL, Pretoria. J. Burtt-Davy, Jan. 31. Is sending fruits of wild peach, sour plum and wild medlar. Also sends an underground stem of *Elephantorrhiza burchelli*; said to be rich in tannin.

TURKEY, Aintab. Mrs. F. D. Shepard, Feb. 1. Sends ripe fruit of the wild olive collected in foot-hills of mountains on the landward side where the climate is semi-arid. These olives grow better on the seaward side of the mountains and the fruit is twice as large.